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Argentina

Lt. General Viola, a member of the ruling military junta, expressed surprise at US objections to recent government security force raids on Argentine human rights organizations, according to the US Ambassador in Buenos Aires. Although personally opposed to the raids, Viola said that the raids were carried out by the independent judiciary, and there was "no way the executive branch could interfere." Viola strongly denied allegations that political prisoners held in secret camps were being killed, and insisted that under no circumstances should the Inter-American Human Rights Commission visit to Argentina next month be delayed or canceled.

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